TL 4576

OMCT
OPERATING THE SOS-TORTURE NETWORK

ORGANISATION MONDIALE CONTRE LA TORTURE
WORLD ORGANIZATION AGAINST TORTURE
Director Eric Sottas

CASE POSTALE 119 - 37-39, RUE DE VERMONT
CH 1211 GENÈVE 20 CIC
TÉLÉPHONE +4122-733 31 40
FAX +4122-733 10 51

ELECTRONIC MAIL OMCT@GEONET.POPTEL.ORG.UK
OMCT@IPROLINK.CH

Case IDN/TMP 050597.3
Third Follow-up Case IDN/TMP 050597

The International Secretariat has received new information regarding the arrest and detention of 3 East Timorese men in **East Timor**.

Brief reminder of the situation :

On May 5, 1997, the International Secretariat of OMCT was informed by reliable sources of the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of five East Timorese persons, including Mr. **Felisberto Maria dos Santos**, Mr. **Jose Sobral**, Mr. **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos,** and Mr. **Domingos Laranjeira**. These four persons were arrested on 30 March, 1997, in the sub-district of Atabae, Bobonaro, by members of the SGI -Special Intelligence Unit- and Kopassus -Special Forces Command- (See our Appeal Case **IDN/TMP 050597**).

OMCT has already informed that Mr. **Domingos Laranjeira** was later released (See our Appeal Case **IDN/TMP 050597.1**).

According to the same information, Mr. **Edison Marcal Dias Freitas** was also arrested on 21 April, 1997

On October 6, 1998, the East Timor Human Rights Centre, a member of OMCT network, informed that Mr. **Felisberto Maria dos Santos**, Mr. **Jose Sobral** and Mr. **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos** were allegedly subjected to arbitrary detention without access to legal representation and that they have been subjected to torture during interrogation. According to the information, Mr. **Felisberto Maria dos Santos'** whereabouts were still unknown and it was believed he could still be held incommunicado at an unknown detention center. It was also feared that Mr. **Jose Sobral** and Mr. **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos** continued to be detained (See our Appeal Case **IDN/TMP 050597.2**).

New Information:

The International Secretariat of OMCT is pleased to announce that Mr. **Jose Sobral** and Mr. **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos** were released by the Indonesian authorities. The International Secretariat would like to thank all those institutions, organizations and individuals who intervened on their behalf.

According to the East Timor Human Rights Centre, Mr. **Felisberto Maria dos Santos'** whereabouts are still unknown and it is believed he may still be held incommunicado at an unknown detention center.

The International Secretariat has not received any further information on Mr. **Edison Marcal Dias Freitas**.

Actions requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i.- guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of Mr. **Felisberto Maria dos Santos** and all other detainees held under similar circumstances at all times;

ii.- immediately establish the whereabouts of Mr. **Felisberto Maria dos Santos**

iii.- order his immediate release if he has been held without any valid charges or, in the event that he has been charged, ensure his right to a fair and impartial trial as well as his procedural rights at all times;

iv.- carry out a thorough and impartial investigation into the facts alleged in order to identify those responsible, bring them before a competent court and impose upon them the penal, civil and/or administrative sanctions required by law;

v.- in general, ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

Addresses:

PRESIDENT YUSUF HABIBIE, President of the Republic of Indonesia, Istana Negara., Gedung Binagraha, Jl. Veteran, Jakarta Pusat, INDONESIA, Faxes: +62 21 345 7782, Telegrams: President Habibie, Jakarta, Indonesia, E-mail: habibie@ristek.go.id

MILITARY COMMANDER REGION IX/UDAYANA (includes East Timor), General Syahrir MS
Pangdam IX/Udayana, Markas Besar KODAM IX/Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, INDONESIA
Telephone: +62 361 228 095, Telegrams: Pangdam IX/Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Ali Alatas S.H, Menteri Luar Negeri
Jl. Medan Taman Pejambon No. 6, Jakarta INDONESIA, Faxes: +62 21 360 541 / 360 517 / 380 5511 / 345 7782 / 724 5354

SECRETARY GENERAL, NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Prof. Dr. Baharuddin Lopa, Sekretaris Jenderal, Komisi Nasional Hak Azasi Manusia (Komnas HAM)
Jl Latuharhary No 4 B, Menteng Jakarta Pusat, INDONESIA, Phone/Fax: +62 21 392 5227
Email: info@komnas.go.id

Please also send appeals to: Diplomatic representatives of Indonesia in your country

Geneva, 13 October 1998

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.